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Mary Louisa Bigler was born July 12, 1879 in Tuba City, Arizona, the second of nine children, to Jacob Arnold Bigler and Rosetta Elizabeth Krebs. She lived in Arizona until age 16 when she traveled by wagon and team to Utah. They settled in Midway where she worked at the Hot Pot Resort then owned by Tom Monk and at the Steamboat mine as a cook.

Ernest and Mary were married on Dec. 28, 1900, in Heber City, the marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake City temple. They purchased a farm up Snake creek next to the Schneitter Resort where they lived their entire married life. To this couple were born seven children: Lowell (deceased) Rex Charles (deceased) married Stella Paramore; Gladys, married to Lolan O. Turner, Willard (deceased) married Dorothy Dayton, Russell (deceased), Venus Rosetta married to John L. Hinote, Vivian Vilate married to Wm. Ray Murri.

Ernest died on Aug. 9, 1956 and the old home was sold in 1959.

Mary is now residing in Provo, with her children. She has been an ardent Church worker and a faithful member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

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GOTTLIEB AND ELIZABETH MUELLER KOHLER

Gottlieb Kohler, son of Melchior Kohler and Barbara Riedwyl was born December 4, 1845 at Meiringen, Switzerland. Elizabeth Mueller, daughter of Samuel Edward Mueller and Anna Dietrich, was born September 28, 1847, at Koeniz, Switzerland. Died 1929 in Midway.

As a young man, Gottlieb studied medicine until his father met with an accident which left him deaf and dumb. Gottlieb mastered the deaf and dumb language and became a shoemaker, working with his father. It was while in the shoe business,

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Gottlieb met and married Elizabeth, a young tailoress, on November 17, 1869 in the Protestant Church at Thun, Switzerland, of which they were both members.

Their first home was with Gottlieb's father, his mother having died. Later while living with Elizabeth's aunt, two LDS missionaries found Elizabeth and Gottlieb. After a great deal of investigation, Gottlieb and the three oldest children were baptized on October 7, 1882 by John Hafen. Because of severe ridicule of friends and family, Elizabeth was not easily convinced regarding Mormonism. However, the following year, on April 7, 1883, she was baptized by John Stucki.

Soon the spirit of gathering to Zion entered their hearts. Together, the family worked hard making and selling shoes to obtain money for their trip to America. In the spring of 1884 the oldest boy Emil, then 12, and Bertha of eight years, were sent to Utah with the Elders, to be followed in two years by the rest of the family.

They arrived in Salt Lake City on June 7, 1886 where after two years of separation, they were reunited with Emil and Bertha. The first night was spent in the old Tithing Office, sleeping on the floor. John Buhler met them the following morning and took them to Midway to make their home.

Conditions were not always good in their new home. Many hardships and trials came to test their faith. Four more children were added to the family, making 13 children for the parents to rear to adulthood.

Gottlieb was very active in organizing the Swiss people who built their own hall and met regularly where the gospel could be taught in their native tongue. He was a good musician, played the accordion and conducted the singing. Under an appointment of the Town Board, Gottlieb became the town doctor and dentist and for years

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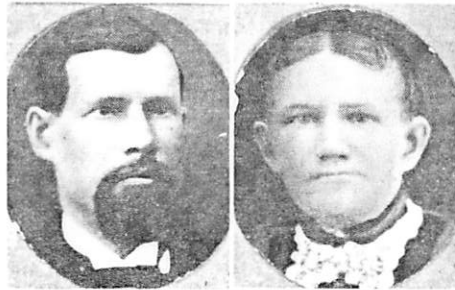
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Fredrick Remund was the 10th child of eleven children born to his parents, Christian Remund and Margaretha Hofman. They lived on a seven-acre tract of land at Bumpliz, Bern, Switzerland. Fred's father was a building contractor of modest means. Their home was small but beautifully landscaped, and well kept. The father and mother died within six months of each other when Fred was fifteen years of age. After his father's death his older brother sent him to learn the shoemaker's trade.

While working at this trade Fredrick became acquainted with John Zwahlen who was a convert to the LDS Church. He invited Fredrick to go to some of the meetings being held by the missionaries, he was converted and baptized October 20, 1874. He started saving his money to pay the passage to America. It didn't take too long for in 1875 he had saved enough to pay his own way and that of his friend John.

They went first to Richfield where a number of German speaking people had settled. Here Fredrick met and married Anne Elizabeth Ott, who had come from Zell Zurich, Switzerland, with her widowed mother and three sisters about the same time he had come. Fredrick Remund and his friend John Zwahlen were both married the same day in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

He lived the United Order in Richfield for about nine years. Three of his children were born there, Fred Jr., Matilda, and Albert. In about 1882 Fredrick Remund moved to Midway. He bought a home in Midway across the street from Ulrich Probst. Later in about 1885 he filed on 80 acres in what is now the Dutch Field, his deed to that parcel of land was signed by President Benjamin Harrison in 1890.

He also received his citizenship papers on December 19, 1881.

They built the rock house on what is now called the Remund Homestead, in 1899 and 1900.

Fredrick Remund and Anne Elizabeth Ott had 10 children, six boys and four girls, all born in Midway except the three older ones. In 1892 when Annie was only six months old Fredrick was called on a mission to Switzerland, he was gone until April of 1895. On his return home from his mission he was chosen leader of the Swiss Band, this position he held for many years.

Anne Elizabeth Ott Remund died July 5, 1909 of cancer, in a Provo Hospital. She lived a hard life, and was a true pioneer. Her father died while she was very young and her mother became a convert to the Church and wanted to bring her four daughters to America. She was a seamstress, but to help get the money needed the girls made baby shoes from thread woven by their mother.

Besides rearing 10 children, when her daughter-in-law died leaving an infant, she took him and nursed and tended him as her own.

The children and other family members of Fredrick and Anne are as follows:

Fredrick Jr., (Fred), who married Alice Sulser in 1898. To this union twins were born, two boys, Karl and Parley. The mother's strength was gone, she never recovered from the birth of her boys and she died when Karl was about five weeks old. After Alice died Fred Jr. filled an honorable mission to Germany. In 1905 he was married to Elfreda Jasperson and to this union six children were born: Ralph, who married Anna Bates and lives in California; Clive married Lucile

Johansen, he also lives in California; Grace married John Owen who is presently the superintendent of schools in Kamas, Utah; George married Cynthia Schear; Carol married Loyd Schlappi, and Grant married Iva Don Shumway.

Albert Remund married Anna Mina Madsen, daughter of Neils Peter Madsen and Marie W. Cathrine Krause of Mt. Pleasant. They had six children. Albert died August 31, 1955, of a heart attack. He was living in Salt Lake City at the time. Up until the time of his marriage he helped at home on the farm.

Matilda married first John Haney of Midway. They had a pair of twins who died and then one girl Verda, who was born a few months after her father was killed in a snow slide in Park City. A few months later Matilda married Emil Hafen of Mt. Pleasant. Four children were born of this union. Orval, the oldest, was in an accident at the mines in Price, in about 1926 and has been a cripple ever since. Matilda died March 18, 1954.

Henry Arnold Remund went to Duchesne County as a very young man, and helped settle that country. He had 12 miles of ditch to dig. He married Emma Marsing of Duchesne and they had four children. The oldest girl, Della, is the wife of Orin Turnbow and lives in Midway. Henry died May 27, 1924 of tick fever caused by a tick bite received while cleaning the ditch.

William (Bill) was never married. He died at the age of 60, October 12, 1945, in Park City.

Joseph Remund married Frances Chandler, a school teacher from Old Mexico. He lives in Salt Lake City. They have three children. Joe served on a mission to Germany from June 1911 to April 1914. He has been a dairy farmer most of his life.

Charles Remund married first Phoebe Orgil. Of this union there were four girls born. Phoebe died December 15, 1930. Charles later married Lottie Corlen Elliot. To this union two children were born. Charles died August 21, 1951.

Annie Remund married William Madsen. She is living in Mt. Pleasant and has one son. Her husband died in 1954.

Mary Remund married Tom Clark. He died April 27, 1950. Mary has one son.

Lydia Remund married Mark Kennison to which union one daughter was born. Lydia later married Lester Westburg. They live in Salt Lake City.

Fredrick Remund Sr., has 34 living grandchildren, 95 great grandchildren and 32 great great grandchildren and four living children.

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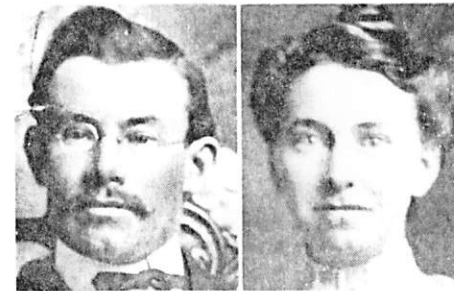
Son of Fredrick Remund Sr., and Anne Elizabeth Ott. Born May 6, 1877, Richfield, Utah. Married (1) Alice Sulser November 1898. (2) Anna Elfreda Jasperson October 25, 1905. Died December 17, 1944, Midway.

Alice Sulser, daughter of John and Mary M. Keller Sulser. Born August 1, 1880, in Midway. Died July 29, 1900.

Anna Elfreda Jasperson, daughter of Lars Jasperson and Augusta Weinike Jasperson. Born May 26, 1876, in Ephraim. Died January 2, 1960.

Frederick Remund Jr., came with his family to Midway, in 1882. He spent all of his life there.

He attended public school, but when he was fifteen years old, his father was called on a mission to Switzerland. Fred was the oldest son so assumed the responsibility of taking care of the farm and the family. Fred also fulfilled a mission to Switzerland.

Fred was an excellent farmer. His certified seed potatoes were always in demand.

He was active in the church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday School and in other capacities. He was a loyal supporter of the town of Midway, and the schools. He managed basketball teams for the town and church. He helped in completing the road on the Memorial Hill.

Alice Sulser Remund died in childbirth. She was a beautiful and promising young lady. She bore a high record, was active in YLMIA and Sunday School. "She was

deeply loved and respected. Her girl friends all dressed in white with black sashes formed a procession and marched two by two from her residence to the meeting house—six strong young men followed carrying the casket, next came her Sunday School Class, and mourners and then followed a long train of carrages and vehicles."—from *Wasatch Wave*.

Children of Fredrick and Alice Sulser:

Twins: Karl and Parley. Karl survived, Parley died in infancy.

Anna Elfreda Jasperson and her family moved to Heber City in 1877.

She attended public school in Heber, and the BYC at Provo. She taught school at Vernal, Center Creek, Heber and Hailstone. She often drove from Heber to her school by horse and buggy. She had a most appealing contralto voice. This talent put her in great demand at funerals, choir work and programs.

She married Fredrick Remund, Jr., October 25, 1905. She moved to Midway at that time and still resides there.

She was president of Midway First Ward Primary for ten years. Also served as officer and teacher in YLMIA, Sunday School and Relief Society. She was active in dramatic and choir groups. She served as a member on several Stake Boards for the Church. She was an outstanding teacher.

Children of Fredrick and Anna Elfreda Remund:

Ralph, married Anna Yates;
Clive, married Lucille Johansen;
Mrs. John L. (Grace) Owen;
George, married Cynthia Schear;
Mrs. Lloyd K. (Carol) Schlappe;
Grant, married Iva Don Shumway.